

**Jewish Funders Network
Fraud Policy
Adopted by the JFN Board of Directors, December 8, 2008**

Background

This fraud policy is established to facilitate the development of controls that will aid in the detection and prevention of fraud against the Jewish Funders Network (JFN). It is the intent of JFN to promote consistent organizational behavior by providing guidelines and assigning responsibility for the development of controls and conduct of investigations.

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to any irregularity, or suspected irregularity, involving employees as well as consultants, vendors, contractors, outside agencies doing business with employees of such agencies, and/or any other parties with a business relationship with JFN.

Any investigative activity required will be conducted without regard to the suspected wrongdoer's length of service, position/title, or relationship to JFN.

Policy

Management is responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud, misappropriations, and other irregularities. Fraud is defined as the intentional, false representation, or concealment of a material fact for the purpose of inducing another to act upon it to his or her injury. Each member of the management team will be familiar with the types of improprieties that might occur within his or her area of responsibility, and be alert for any indication of irregularity.

Any irregularity that is detected or suspected must be reported immediately to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) who coordinates all investigations with JFN's attorney, auditors and with other affected personnel, both internal and external.

Actions Constituting Fraud

The terms defalcation, misappropriation, and other fiscal irregularities refer to, but are not limited to

- Any dishonest or fraudulent act.
- Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies, or other assets.
- Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions.
- Profiteering as a result of insider knowledge of JFN activities.
- Disclosing confidential and proprietary information to outside parties.
- Accepting or seeking anything of material value from contractors, vendors, or persons providing services/materials to JFN. Exception: Gifts less than \$50 in value.
- Destruction, removal, or inappropriate use of records, furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and/or
- Any similar or related irregularity

Other Irregularities

Irregularities concerning an employee's moral, ethical, or behavioral conduct should be resolved by departmental management working with the COO. If there is any question as to whether an action constitutes fraud, contact the COO for guidance.

Investigation Responsibilities

The COO has the primary responsibility for directing the investigation of all suspected fraudulent acts as defined in the policy. If the investigation substantiates that fraudulent activities have occurred, the COO will provide necessary information to appropriate designated personnel and, if appropriate, to the Board of Directors through the Audit Committee.

Decisions to prosecute or refer the examination results to the appropriate law enforcement and/or regulatory agencies for independent investigation will be made in conjunction with legal counsel and senior management, as will final decisions on disposition of the case.

Confidentiality

The COO treats all information received confidentially. Any employee who suspects dishonest or fraudulent activity will notify the COO immediately, and *should not attempt to personally conduct investigations or interviews/interrogations* related to any suspected fraudulent act (see **Reporting Procedure** section below).

Investigation results *will not be disclosed or discussed* with anyone other than those who have a legitimate need to know. This is important in order to avoid damaging the reputations of persons suspected but subsequently found innocent of wrongful conduct and to protect JFN from potential civil liability.

Authorization for Investigating Suspected Fraud

The COO or other investigating individuals will have

- Free and unrestricted access to all JFN records and premises, whether owned or rented; and
- The authority to examine, copy, and/or remove all or any portion of the contents of files, desks, cabinets, and other storage facilities on the premises without prior knowledge or consent of any individual who might use or have custody of any such items or facilities when it is within the scope of their investigation

Reporting Procedures

Great care must be taken in the investigation of suspected improprieties or irregularities so as to avoid mistaken accusations or alerting suspected individuals that an investigation is under way. An employee who discovers or suspects fraudulent activity will contact the COO immediately. The employee or other complainant may remain anonymous. All inquiries concerning the activity under investigation from the suspected individual, his or her attorney or representative, or any other inquirer should be directed to the COO. No information concerning the status of an investigation will be given out. The proper response to any inquiries is, "I am not at liberty to discuss this matter." *Under no circumstances* should any reference be made to "the allegation," "the crime," "the fraud," "the forgery," "the misappropriation," or any other specific reference. The reporting individual should be informed of the following:

- Do not contact the suspected individual in an effort to determine facts or demand restitution.

- Do not discuss the case, facts, suspicions, or allegations with *anyone* unless specifically asked to do so by the COO.

Termination

If an investigation results in a recommendation to terminate an individual, the recommendation will be reviewed for approval by the COO and, if necessary, by outside counsel, before any such action is taken. The decision to terminate an employee is made by JFN management, except in the case of a proposed termination of the CEO, as to which the Board of Directors of JFN shall be responsible.

Administration

The COO is responsible for the administration of this policy.

Approval

Secretary of JFN Board

Date